

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/001815

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl.⁷ H05K3/46, H01L23/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 2001-217550 A (Toshiba Co., Ltd.), 10 August, 2001 (10.08.01), Full text; Fig. 9 & US 6534723 B1 & EP 1156525 A1	1-15
A	JP 2003-086948 A (Denso Corp.), 20 March, 2003 (20.03.03), Full text; Figs. 4 to 6 & US 2002/0076903 A1	1-15

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC)) Int.Cl. ⁷ H05K 3/46, H01L23/12		
B. 調査を行った分野 調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC)) Int.Cl. ⁷ H05K 3/46, H01L23/12		
最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの 日本国実用新案公報 1922-1996年 日本国公開実用新案公報 1971-2005年 日本国実用新案登録公報 1998-2005年 日本国登録実用新案公報 1994-2005年		
国際調査で利用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に利用した用語)		
C. 関連すると認められる文献		
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A	JP 2001-217550 A (イビデン株式会社) 2001. 08. 10, 全文, 図9 & US 6534723 B1, EP 1156525 A1	1-15
A	JP 2003-086948 A (株式会社デンソー) 2003. 03. 20, 全文, 図4~図6 & US 2002/0076903 A1	1-15
<input type="checkbox"/> C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。 <input type="checkbox"/> パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。		
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国際調査機関の名称及びあて先 日本国特許庁 (ISA/JP) 郵便番号100-8915 東京都千代田区霞が関三丁目4番3号	特許庁審査官 (権限のある職員) 長屋 陽二郎 電話番号 03-3581-1101 内線 3391	35 8811

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purpose of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☐ a sequence listing
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
	Document 1: JP 2001-217550 A (IBIDEN CO., LTD.) 2001.08.10, Fig. 9		
	Document 2: JP 2003-086948 A (DENSO CORPORATION) 2003.03.20, Fig. 4 to Fig. 6		
	<p>The invention according to Claims 1 to 15 has an inventive step of the invention over Document 1 and Document 2 cited in the international search report. A continuous via conductor disposed extending from one of via conductors in a direction farther from the other via conductor is not disclosed in Document 1 and Document 2. In addition, this point is not obvious to even a person skilled in the art.</p>		